

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, first and second paragraphs as follows:

The present invention relates to a method ~~as defined in the preamble of claim 1~~ for changing the distribution of the loading pressure prevailing in the press nip of a shoe press, which shoe press comprises a number of adjacent loading elements acting on the press shoe, the first end of said elements being supported on the supporting beam of the shoe press and the other end on the press shoe.

The invention also relates to an apparatus ~~according to claim 11~~ for changing the distribution of the loading pressure prevailing in the press nip of a shoe press, which shoe press comprises a number of adjacent loading elements acting on the press shoe, the first end of said elements being supported on the supporting beam of the shoe press and the other end on the press shoe.

Please delete in its entirety, Page 4, Paragraph 2:

~~The method of the invention is additionally characterized by what is stated in claims 2 – 10.~~

Please delete in its entirety, Page 4, Paragraph 4:

~~The apparatus of the invention is additionally characterized by what is stated in claims 12 – 20.~~